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SUBJ: WARREN UNNA ON US PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN

1. IN A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE DATED WASHINGTON IN STATESMAN DEC 8, UNNA SAYS, "STATE DEPT KEPT PRESSING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ISSUE SOME PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF INDIAN OCEAN PATROL AND US AMBASSADOR TO INDIA, MR. DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN, KEPT CABLING BACK TO WASHINGTON FOR RATIONALE THAT HE COULD PRESENT TO NEW DELHI..... SOME KEY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON FRANKLY STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR THE US NAVY PATROLS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN BUT ASSUME IT IS PRIMARILY THE 'SHOW THE FLAG' REFLEX THE MILITARY ALWAYS CLING TO. THEY ALSO THINK IT REPRESENTS A DESIRE TO MOVE AN ADDITIONAL US AIRCRAFT CARRIER INTO THE MIDDLE EAST AREA, BUTTRESSING THE CARRIERS THE US NAVY ALREADY HAS POSITIONED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN." CONTINUING ON MIDEASTFOR, UNNA WRITES: "WITH OUTBREAK OF ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, BAHREIN GAVE PRO-ISRAELI USA MANDATORY ONE-YEAR NOTICE THAT IT WOULD

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HAVE TO GET OUT. RECENTLY, BAHREIN'S RULING SHEIKH

EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS OUT OF HIS COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF THE DECISION AND FORCED TO PLACATE HIS FELLOW ARAB LEADERS. NOW THE SHEIKH INDICATES HE THINKS THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE WILL BE SETTLED AND MAKE UN-NECESSARY THE EVICTION DEADLINE OF NEXT OCTOBER."

2. REMAINDER OF UNNA ARTICLE DISCUSSES GENERAL LEVEL OF US NAVAL PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, STATES THAT WHILE SOVIET SHIPS HAVE VISITED INDIAN OCEAN PORTS FOR LONG TIME, "US OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ONLY AFTER THE US DECISION TO DISPATCH THE HANCOCK TASK FORCE (DID) THE SOVIETS START ASSIGNING UNITS FROM THEIR PACIFIC FLEET TO MOVE INTO INDIAN OCEAN AREA ON REGULAR BASIS. SCHNEIDER

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